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Hello Folks,

This newsletter is the first of many, as we will strive to keep everyone informed of what is happening at the Texas House. Please visit the official state website at www.house.state.tx.us/members for periodic updates. For direct contact, the Capitol office phone is 512-463-0628 and the mailing address is P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768. If you are in Austin, please stop by the office in Capitol Extension, room E2.320. Amanda Tollett, Legislative Director and Andrew Johnson, Chief of Staff would be happy to help accommodate you during your visit to the Capitol.

Our District is composed of eight counties: Comanche, Coryell, Erath, Hamilton, McCulloch, Mills, San Saba and Somervell. This newsletter is meant in part to showcase events and functions occurring throughout our district. You will see Gary Kafer- District Director, Glenn Jeffers- District Liaison, and myself attending many meetings and functions throughout the district to stay in touch and represent you well.

In closing, it is an honor to be your representative. I want to express how humbled I felt taking the oath of office, and how special it was to have my wife and father with me on the Chamber Floor.

Respectfully,

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Upcoming Events

February 1	Ft. Hood Day
February 4	San Saba Students Day
February 6	Gatesville 4-H Club

We are honored to be hosting three groups from the district during early February. Representative Sheffield will join with other legislators to honor those that serve our nation as these officials visit Ft. Hood. Three days later we will welcome future heroes and leaders as schools kids from San Saba and the 4-H club from Gatesville will have a firsthand look at Texas government in action at the Capitol.

The legislative session runs now until late May 2013. Please take this opportunity to schedule your tour for one or a group by calling capitol visitors center at 512.305.8400. Make sure to let us know of your trip as well.

Election Day-- November 6, 2012



Dr. Sheffield and his father, A.K. Sheffield, watch election returns during the November Election. Sheffield carried almost 80% of the vote. Sheffield joins 43 other freshman legislators from across Texas in the 83rd legislature.

Erath County

Morgan Mill

Thanksgiving Lunch Honoring Those Who Serve

Dr. Sheffield attended two great events in the town of Morgan Mill. Although the town's population is small, the heart of these people is not. Hundreds gathered to host military service members from Ft. Hood for a Thanksgiving feast. Another tradition of Morgan Mill is the Saturday morning community breakfast.

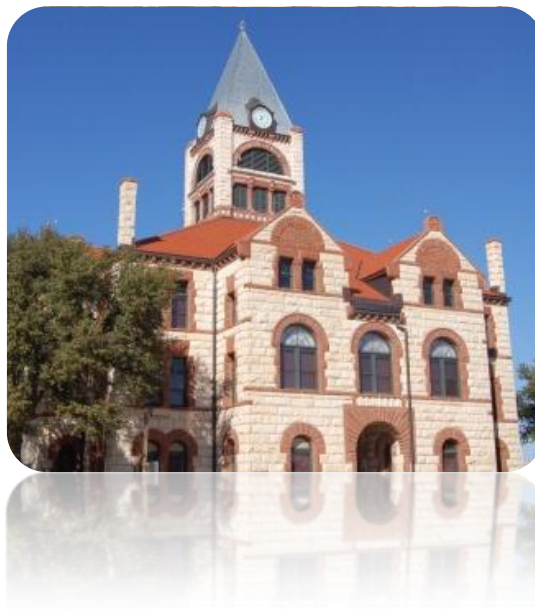


Above- Morgan Mill Thanksgiving Day Lunch



Left- Morgan Mill Breakfast

Below- Erath County Courthouse



Tarleton State University Tour --Stephenville



Pictured from left to right: Donna Savage, University Librarian; David Rejino, Texas A&M University System External Relations; Andrew Johnson, Chief of Staff for Sheffield; Dr. Rusty Freed, Executive Director of Student Advising; Jay Johnson, Student Government Association Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Dottavio, President of TSU; Amanda Tollett, Legislative Director for Sheffield; Sheffield, Gary Kafer District Director for Sheffield; Glenn Jeffers, District Liaison for Sheffield; Dr. Karen Murray TSU Provost and Executive VP.

Last fall, Dr. Sheffield visited Tarleton State University's main campus in Stephenville. Among the many highlights of the tour was the recently completed nursing building where Dr. Sheffield, a family practice physician, was able to "test-out" the latest in teaching methods for future nurses. Sheffield also visited the Military Veterans Services Center, a department dedicated to helping returning soldiers achieve their goals of higher education. Special thanks go out to the Tarleton community for making the tour a most pleasurable experience.



Photos courtesy of Tarleton State University- (R) Dr. Sheffield examines a mock delivery room in the nursing simulation lab. (L) Sheffield meets with representatives from the Military Services Center and President Dottavio.

Coryell County



Copperas Cove VFW Post



Copperas Cove Football Game

Dr. Sheffield attended a number of events in late fall and winter in the City of Copperas Cove. Among the highlights was watching the Bulldogs play Friday night football, the chance to speak with members of the VFW post, and a reception with the Chamber of Commerce.



Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce Reception



Gatesville Retired Teachers





Gatesville ISD

A key issue for the State is to train and prepare future generations of Texas community leaders, entrepreneurs, parents and citizens. Dr. Sheffield met with students, teachers and administrators of Gatesville ISD. He took a moment to read with a class at Gatesville Intermediate School as well as answer questions from young constituents.

Mills County



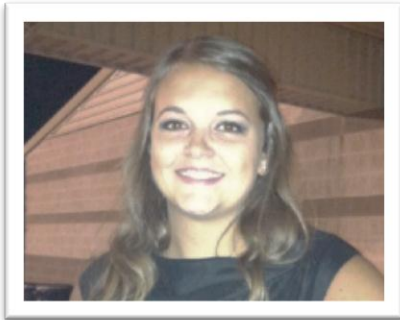
Among the events Dr. Sheffield attended in Mills County was the Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center's 3rd Annual Fundraiser.

A great event and a great steak.

Tour of Mills
County
conservation
dams



Hamilton County



Hamilton Native

Brynnan Whaley will serve as a staff member during the legislative session in the Capitol Office. Whaley is a 2003 graduate of Hamilton High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Hamilton Republican Club



Hico Dairy Tour



During a couple of his trips to Hamilton County, Representative Sheffield spoke with the Republican Club in the City of Hamilton. Outside of Hico, Sheffield visited a local dairy.

Somervell County

Rep. Sheffield toured the facilities of Comanche Peak Power plant just outside of Glen Rose. House District 59 is home to one of only two nuclear power plants in Texas.



McCulloch County



Following redistricting we are proud to have McCulloch and San Saba counties join House District 59. With the City of Brady as its County Seat, McCulloch County is the geographic center of the state, "The Heart of Texas." As we learned on a trip to Brady, they are also in the running for some of the best Barbeque in the State too.

San Saba County



It was great to meet so many folks from San Saba county and to hear what issues they are facing as a community. We are looking forward to spending more time in the San Saba area.

Comanche County



One of our best times in Comanche was the 4th of July. This community knows how to come together for a great time and put on an excellent fireworks display.



Austin

Dr. J.D. Sheffield was sworn in as the State Representative for HD 59. Flanked by his wife Gina and father A.K. Sheffield, he took the oath of office alongside fellow members of the Texas House. The 83rd session of the Legislature was called to order by recently appointed Texas Secretary of State, John Steed. Sheffield is one of 44 new law makers in the house, the largest new class in decades.

Staff Appointments



Photo Credit: Tarleton State University

Front Row L-R: Andrew Johnson, Amanda Tollett, Sheffield; Back Row L-R: Gary Kafer, Glenn Jeffers

State Representative-Elect J.D. Sheffield has appointed a number of individuals with District 59 ties to positions in his office.

Sheffield has appointed Andrew Johnson as his Chief of Staff. Johnson will oversee the Capitol office as well as operations for District 59. Johnson, a Stephenville Native, is a third generation graduate of Tarleton State University, having earned a bachelor and dual-master's degrees. He has taught for Tarleton as an adjunct faculty member. Johnson served on the Stephenville City Council from 2004-2008.

Amanda Tollett has been named as the Legislative Director and will serve in the Capitol office. Tollett graduated from Tarleton in 2008 earning a B.S. in political science. Tollett, a native of Austin, also holds a master's degree in political science from Texas State University in San Marcos. She has served in staff roles for both the Texas House and Senate, most recently as a staff member for the Senate Select Committee on Open Government.

Gary Kafer, a retired public school teacher, has been tapped as the District Director for Sheffield. Gary, a graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science and Master in Education, resides in Gatesville with his wife, Mary.

Glenn Jeffers will serve as District Liaison for Sheffield. Jeffers holds a Bachelor degree in history and political science from Tarleton. Jeffers served as the campaign manager for Sheffield and resides with his wife, Andrea and children—Lauren, Grant and George— in Gatesville.

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